

Testimony of Peter Sielman
of the Route 11 Greenway Authority Commission
in support of
H.B. No. 6052 AN ACT CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF TOLLS FOR THE
EXTENSION OF ROUTE 11.

Transportation Committee Public Hearing

Monday, February 25, 2013

Since both houses of the legislature have passed this legislation before, the primary message is to now pass it in the same legislative session in both houses.

82 % of the public supports completion of Route 11.

The Governor supports completion of Route 11.

All of the local officials support the completion of Route 11.

The Chamber of Commerce supports the completion of Route 11.

Safety would be greatly improved both for through traffic and for local residents.

The State does not have the funds to pay for its share of the cost of the completion of Route 11 without a toll.

The toll would positively improve traffic on local roads.

The toll would not deter local business.

Truckers would benefit because the toll would be less than the cost of using the local road and because it would save time and, hence, labor costs.

This toll on only new construction is not "*the camel's nose under the tent*" that worries state border towns and shopping centers.

This toll legislation specifically requires that tolling stop once the road is paid for.

This toll would be all electronic and would therefore not present a toll station traffic hazard.

Thank you